

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 2-6, 8-14, 17-19, 21-24, 26 and 30 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, 15, 16, 20 25, 27, 28 and 29 were previously canceled. By the foregoing amendment claim 24 is amended.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication on page 4 of the Office Action that claims 8-14, 17-19, 22, 23, 26 and 30 are allowed.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 2-6, 21 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner asserts that the claims fail to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the application "does not disclose in the original disclosure the step of [punctate] fastening the two sheet metal walls to one another at a plurality of connecting points before the step of forming compression molded connections." Applicant has amended claim 24 to address the Examiner's requirement.

Claim 24 recites, among other features, "punctate fastening the two sheet-metal walls to one another at a plurality of connecting points inside the surface between the edges of the flow-through chamber by meshing the walls by material deformation at each connecting point with compression molded." The recited step relates the denticulations disposed on the connection points to punctate fastening of sheet-metal walls. Support for the recited claim features can be found in the specification at least at paragraphs [0020] and [0021]. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

As such, Applicant's independent claim 24, along with dependent claims 2-6 and 21, are allowable. Examiner has indicated on page 4 of the Office Action that

claims 8-14, 17-19, 22, 23, 26 and 30 are allowed. All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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